

HERZSTEIN LECTURES.

The Herzstein Lectures for 1907 will be delivered by Alonzo Englebert Taylor, Professor of Pathology in the University of California. The subject of the lectures will be:

THE PRESENT LIMITATIONS OF LABORATORY DIAGNOSIS.

The lectures will be delivered in the Hall of the Century Club, Sutter and Franklin streets, San Francisco, at eight o'clock in the evening of the following days: Tuesday, September 10; Friday, September 13; Tuesday, September 17, and Friday, September 20. The topics of the several lectures will be as follows:

Tuesday, September 10—Diseases of the Alimentary Tract.

Friday, September 13—Diseases of the Renal System.

Tuesday, September 17—Diagnosis by Examination of the Blood.

Friday, September 20—Infectious Diseases.

You are cordially invited to attend these lectures.

COUNTY SOCIETIES.

MARIN COUNTY.

Meeting of Marin County Medical Society held at San Rafael, July 13th, 1907, at the office of Wm. F. Jones at 8 o'clock p. m. The meeting was called to order by the President, Dr. Jones. There were present Drs. Howitt, Mays, Hund, Dudley, Mills, Galehouse, Crumpton, Jones and Kuser.

Moved and seconded that the society send for fifty circulars of the Great American Fraud for distribution; carried.

Moved and seconded that the society subscribe for Collier's Weekly; carried.

Dr. Jones then read the paper of the evening, which was excellent and brought about an interesting discussion.

The secretary was instructed to communicate with the societies of Napa, Sonoma and Solano counties in regard to the possible formation of a District Medical Society of those Bay Counties.

There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 10:30 p. m.

H. KUSER, Secretary.

SHASTA COUNTY.

The most instructive and enthusiastic meeting of Shasta County Medical Society was held at McCloud Hospital, McCloud, Cal., July 20th. The society was the guest of Robert T. Legge, who is in charge of the hospital. The morning was spent in visiting the hospital and the holding of clinics. Many interesting cases were presented and methods of treatment discussed, and an operation for appendectomy concluded a very interesting session. The hospital was found to be well equipped with all the latest devices known to surgery and a well furnished X-ray laboratory, the workings of which were thoroughly explained to all present. This brought the morning session to a close.

The afternoon session opened with Dr. Legge in the chair. After a short business session the following papers were presented:

1. "Resume of Twenty-four years' Obstetrical Practice," Dr. C. E. Reed; 2. "Conjunctivitis Petrificans," Dr. H. B. Graham; 3. "Tuberculous Peritonitis," Dr. Phil H. Weber; 4. "Tonsils: Their Importance and Exposure to Infection," Dr. C. J. Teass; 5. "Problems in Treating Fractures," Dr. Robert T. Legge.

All the papers were enthusiastically discussed by the different members of the society, and much of

value received. All were of the opinion that this was the best meeting ever held by Shasta County Medical Society.

Dr. J. P. Frizell of Yreka was elected a member. A unanimous vote of thanks was then extended Dr. Legge for the interesting programme he had prepared and for the entertainment furnished us, after which the meeting adjourned. At 7:30 in the evening the society and visiting physicians were tendered an elaborate dinner at the McCloud restaurant by Robert T. Legge, after which we adjourned to his residence to finish the day's work with a rousing smoker, and it was in the wee small hours when the assemblage broke up.

Sunday Dr. Legge had prepared an automobile excursion for us to the McCloud river. After visiting the beautiful summer homes located there we were royally entertained by Charles Wheeler, several hours being spent with him, and we were indeed sorry when it came time for us to depart.

The return trip to McCloud was made over the famous McCloud boulevard, arriving in time to catch our train for our homes. This trip will long be remembered by all present, and those who were unfortunate enough not to be present missed a rare treat.

The society voted to accept the invitation of Dr. C. J. Teass to hold its October meeting in Kennett at the county hospital.

PHIL H. WEBER, Secretary.

RIVERSIDE COUNTY.

The last regular monthly meeting before the summer vacation, of the Riverside County Medical Society, was held at the Victoria Club house Monday evening, June 10, 1907.

Following an old-established custom, each member was permitted to bring his wife or baby as a guest, to the banquet which was held preliminary to the meeting. We were fortunate in having with us for this meeting Dr. and Mrs. George W. Cole of Los Angeles. Dr. Cole read a most able and interesting paper on "Some Conditions Found Within the Thoracic Cavity." The paper was most ably discussed by the members, and several phases of recent therapeutic and diagnostic measures employed in tuberculosis were freely commented upon.

Following the meeting the society enjoyed a number of musical selections rendered by Mrs. Griffith and Mrs. Parker. The guests present were Dr. and Mrs. George W. Cole of Los Angeles, Mrs. Taggart of Los Angeles, Dr. and Mrs. Outwater, Dr. and Mrs. Sawyer, Dr. and Mrs. Parker, Dr. and Mrs. Griffith, Dr. and Mrs. Atwood, Dr. and Mrs. Roblee, Dr. and Mrs. Martin, Dr. and Mrs. Payton, Dr. and Mrs. Tucker, Dr. Clarke, Mr. E. P. Clarke, Dr. Girdlestone, Dr. Baird and Dr. Walker.

GEORGE E. TUCKER, Secretary.

SAN MATEO COUNTY.

San Mateo June 3, 1907, society met at the office of Dr. Morrison. Members present: Drs. Ross, Plymire, Morrison, Clidester, Baker and Oldfield. Visitor, Dr. Schmoll of San Francisco.

During regular business the society took up lodge practice and insurance examination fees. These matters were laid over till next meeting, to be settled definitely then. A very strong movement is being made by our society to make a regular fee of \$5 for insurance examinations, and no lodge practice by members.

After a paper by Dr. D. B. Plymire on "Gunshot Wounds of the Abdomen," and one by Dr. Schmoll on "Newer Ideas of Treatment of Heart Disease," the society adjourned to the Perichon House for a

banquet. The next meeting is to be at South San Francisco on the first Monday in August.

WOOD C. BAKER, Secretary.

SANTA CRUZ COUNTY.

The regular meeting of the Santa Cruz County Medical Society was held at the offices of Dr. A. W. Bixby in Watsonville Monday evening, August 5, 1907.

The following members were present: Drs. A. W. Bixby, E. E. Briggs, G. S. Easterday, J. A. McGuire, Guy Miller, S. T. Pope, E. E. Porter, S. C. Rodgers, J. M. York, P. K. Watters, F. H. Koepke.

General letter No. 13 from secretary of the state society was read. The secretary was instructed to order 50 copies of the "Great American Fraud," a pamphlet reprinting the articles which appeared in Collier's, from the A. M. A., to distribute among citizens of the county.

The subject of investigating illegal practitioners in the county was brought before the society. A general discussion followed, after which Dr. S. T. Pope and Dr. J. M. York were appointed by the chair to investigate and report at the next meeting.

Dr. S. C. Rodgers presented a clinical case of ankylosis of both hip joints in a boy nine years old. The case was discussed by members present and also examined with the X-rays.

It was decided to have a social meeting in Santa Cruz at the Casino on Saturday evening, September 7th, and all members were requested to bring their wives.

F. H. KOEPKE, Secretary.

PUBLICATIONS.

Manual of Diseases of the Eye. By Charles H. May, Chief of Clinic and Instructor in Ophthalmology, College of Physicians and Surgeons, Medical Department, Columbia University, New York—1890-1903; Ophthalmic Surgeon to the City Hospitals, Randall's Island, New York; Consulting Ophthalmologist to the French Hospital, to the Gouverneur Hospital, and to the Red Cross Hospital, New York; Adjunct Ophthalmic Surgeon to Mt. Sinai Hospital, etc. Fifth edition revised with 362 original illustrations, with 22 plates, with 63 colored figures, 1907; \$2.00 net.

Whitman's Orthopedic Surgery. A treatise on Orthopedic Surgery. By Royal Whitman, M. D., Instructor in Orthopedic Surgery in the College of Physicians and Surgeons, New York; Chief of Orthopedic Department in Vanderbilt Clinic, New York. Third edition, revised and enlarged. Octavo, 900 pages, with 554 illustrations, mostly original. Cloth, \$5.50, net. Lea Brothers & Co., Philadelphia and New York, 1907.

The author has avowedly written this book for the student and the general practitioner. From the viewpoint of the orthopedic specialist it is in places unsatisfying. What has been written is always admirable, but there are many subjects upon which we would gladly hear more from so eminent an authority. Again and again where we had looked for illuminating discussions we find but the barest facts. A student's quiz compend could hardly be more terse; and we are forced to put down the book as far as ever from the solution of our problems. On the other hand we do not know where the student or the general practitioner could find a more complete, lucid, and in every way helpful discussion of joint tuberculosis, of distortions of the foot, of congenital dislocations of the hip,

or of the several other commoner conditions to which whole chapters are devoted.

The trend of orthopedic surgery of late years has been toward the prevention of deformity. This necessitates the early recognition by the general practitioner of the predisposing causes of deformity, of their significance and of the mechanical conditions involved, an idea which the author has kept prominently before the reader throughout the book.

The plans of treatment advised are directly within the reach of every one, and those which the author himself has proved to be efficient. Should a colleague ask us to select for him a treatise on orthopedic surgery, saying that he expected to be compelled to take care of his own cases, we would unhesitatingly recommend to him this book of Dr. Whitman's.

The first 108 pages of the book are devoted to the discussion of tuberculous disease of the spine. After considering the pathology, etiology, and symptoms in general, the examination of the several regions of the spine, beginning with the lumbar, and including with each its differential diagnosis, is taken up. How the history should be elicited and the physical signs recorded, is shown at length. Here and there throughout the book, Dr. Whitman is most happy in the way in which he expresses the broad principles governing treatment. We shall not hesitate to quote these observations as they seem germane to the purposes of this review. Speaking of the general principles of Mechanical Treatment, we read "As the ultimate deformity of Pott's disease is, in great degree, caused by the force of gravity acting on a weakened spine, the most effective form of treatment must be fixation in the horizontal position, for in this position the strain of use and the superincumbent weight can be removed completely." This is accomplished by placing the patient upon the modified Bradford frame with which and its adjustment the text deals minutely. He adds that horizontal fixation "is of course a treatment not complete in itself, since it must be supplemented by the usual supports when the erect attitude is again assumed. Its duration varies from six to eighteen months." "Personally," he adds, "I have never seen other than favorable results from this method of treatment"—nor, for that matter, have we.

Chapter II deals with the non-tuberculous affections of the spine from syphilis to injury of the sacroiliac articulations. Twenty-two affections are touched upon in as many pages which also include twelve illustrations. This was a disappointing chapter in the first edition of this book, which appeared seven years ago, and is so still. To take a single example, the caption "Tabetic Deformity of the Spine" is dismissed in three and a half lines. "In rare instances deformity of the spine, either posterior or lateral, appears as a complication of locomotor ataxia. Fifteen cases are recorded. The characteristics of this form of osteo-arthritis are described elsewhere." The "elsewhere" begins on page 290 where rather less than two pages are devoted to the whole subject of Charcot's joints. But two references are given, and no cognizance has been had apparently of the work of Kurt-Frank (Centralblatt für Grenzgebiete der Medizin u. Chirurgie Bd. VIII Nos. 15, 16, 17:—1904.) who from a literature of 74 references has collected 27 cases presenting unquestionably this condition. Four of them had come to autopsy. The fact that during the past year two of these cases came under our own observation and in the preceding year another, inclines us to accept Frank's contention that the condition is of commoner occurrence than is generally supposed, but masked by the other symptoms of tabes. Special interest attaches to Charcot's joints of the lower lumbar of the spine, because